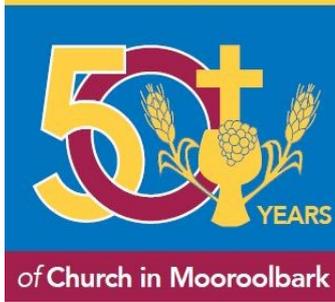


St Peter Julian Eymard Parish



St Peter Julian Eymard Catholic Church Mooroolbark Parish

*We are a Welcoming Eucharistic
and Spirit Filled Parish
Community.*



Parish Priest
Fr. Joseph Xin Lu

Parish Secretary
Mrs. Adriana De Leo

Parish Assistant
Mr. Brian Twining

Pastoral Associate Emeritus
Michael Sellar

RCIA Coordinator
Michael Mc Lindon

Parish Office

234 Hull Road (PO Box 2)
Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone: 9723 4275 Fax: 9725 4377
<http://pol.org.au/mooroolbark/Home.aspx>
Email: mooroolbark@cam.org.au

Parish Hall - contact Parish Office

SPJE Parish School

Reay Road, Mooroolbark 3138
Telephone 9725 0595 Fax 9723 9255
School Principal – Mrs. Maria Bast
<http://www.spjemooroolbark.catholic.edu.au>

SPJE - Outside School Hours Care
Tel: 8215 9206

St. Richard's Parish School

672 Mt. Dandenong Rd.
Kilsyth, 3137
Telephone 9728 4378 Fax 9728 6272
School Principal - Mr. Marcus Gill
<http://www.srkilsyth.catholic.edu.au>

Normal Mass Times at SPJE

Weekday Masses - Tuesday - Friday: 9.15 am

Rosary prayed on

Wednesday and Thursday after 9.15 am Mass

Saturday: No morning Mass
Saturday: 6.00 pm (vigil)
Sunday: 9.00 am
Sunday: 11.00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 pm
or by arrangement with Priest.
Sacraments (Baptism, Weddings)
Ring Parish Office 9723 4275

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **10th February 2019 - Issue No: 3**

Jumping Into The Unknown

We may be skilled at carpentry, painting, drawing, gardening, computers, or fishing. Part of this expertise is that sense of knowing when it is best to engage in the craft or what circumstances need to be there. One cannot be pushed to play the piano or the violin if one is not in the mood for it. Still, one must be ready to engage in ones craft even if circumstance or timing is not there.

In the Gospel, Jesus (a carpenter, not a fisherman) intervenes in the lives of fishermen, Peter and companions, who have had a bad night at fishing. These fishermen may be irritated that someone who is not of their trade is dictating what they should do when they know it will be futile. Yet, Peter puts his expertise aside and gives Jesus the benefit of the doubt. Somehow, Peter senses that even if this man (Jesus) is not a fisherman, he has shown wonderful signs in their presence: he is not an ordinary person foolishly challenging them. And so the miracle happens, and Peter can only be shaken deeply so as to realize, as in the case of Isaiah before the heavenly court (cf Is 6:5), that he is a sinful man before an all-powerful and holy God! We are so used to relying on human training and expertise that we find it difficult to trust in something adventurous and unsure. This way we fail to see that there could be various other ways to realize our goals besides what we know. We miss the sense of adventure and surprise that every leap of faith usually brings. With God we do not venture into the unknown, for God will surely lead us in the right path to our glorious destiny. This is what Peter deeply learns by the experience.

365 Days of the Lord



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please
contact 1800 305 330, Mon - Fri
10 am-3 pm

Weekday Mass Times

Weekday Mass
Tue - Fri 9.15am

Readings for Next Week – 16/17th Feb

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2019

9/10th **5th Sunday In Ordinary Time**
Monthly Church Collection
9th Feb Sat SPJE Staff, Parish Staff & PPC
Leaders Commitment Mass - 6pm
10th Feb Sun St Rich Staff Commitment Mass
& Prep Angel Mass - 9am
12th Feb Tue Faith Development Meeting -
10am
16/17th Feb **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
SPJE Prep Mass - 6pm
SPJE Prep Mass - 11am
23/24th Feb **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
26th Feb Tue Formation Meeting/Dinner -
Parish & School Leaders
6pm Church Foyer

MARCH

2/3rd March **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptisms - 6pm, 9am & 11am
5th Mar Tue Eucharist Family Night - 7pm
Church
6th Mar Wed ASH WEDNESDAY
8th Mar Fri School Closure Day (St Rich)

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for parishioners and friends who are ill,
especially,
**Linda Young, Brian Alan, Peter Margerison,
Jessie Eliz Elliott, Claire Lindsey, Paul
Brinschwitz, Kay Williams, Richard Corrigan,
Frank Covino.**

† Remembrance Diary †

We remember those who have died, especially
Jim Cornford, and all those whose
anniversaries occur about this time:
9/2 to 15/2
**James Steadman, Noelle York Kelly, Pat
Williams, Wilhelmina Graafmans, Antoinette
Houghton, Peter Ayton, Caroline Bien, Bill
Heaney, Ellen Decker, Bonnie McKinley, Eileen
McIntyre, Bradley Norman Waters, Fernando
Del Vecchio, Noreen Studd, John Willcocks,
Margarita Dunnington, Josephine Makin, Don
Raffaello Rossi & Family, Jim Fitzgerald,
Theresa Whitelaw, Michael Murphy, Elena
Casotti.**

ROSTERS

Counters

11th Feb Eileen Goltz & Kate Warren
12th Feb Des Delahunt & Norm Willingham

Flowers

9th Feb Routley Family
16th Feb Philomena Turner

Cleaners

11th Feb Wojtek Nowicki & Eleanor Thompson
18th Feb Graeme Vear & Gerard Wright

*(Please collect church key from parish office
Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)*

Ministers of Eucharist Coordinators for February

6.00 pm Bernadette Brown
9.00 am **Volunteer Required**
11.00am **Volunteer Required**

Readers and Commentators - 16/17th February 2019

6.00 pm Denis Horan & Gloria Romero
9.00 am Lisa Read & Tim Newcomb
11.00 am Riley Acabado & Jun Romero

*God of all creation
I give you thanks for all you have made
For sky and sea,
Sun, wind and rain
For mountains and plains and for all creatures,
great and small.
I thank you especially for the gift of human life.
May we always work towards upholding the
dignity of every person, respecting the great
diversity present in
Humanity.
I thank you God, for the gift of life
you have given me.*

February 10 2019 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."



BENDIGO BANK GRANT AWARDED TO ST VINCENT de PAUL MOOROOLBARK CONFERENCE

Recently, the Mooroolbark branch of the Bendigo Bank awarded a grant of \$5000 to St Vincent de Paul, to ensure that underprivileged children in the Mooroolbark area, are able to partake in community sporting teams.

The costs associated with sport participation can be prohibitive for many families. The cost of setting a child up in a sport, is around \$350. Many of the families who call on us for assistance are either one income families, or relying on welfare. In either situation it is impossible to meet such costs.

Research shows that the ricochet effect of involvement in sport, is that all areas of the community benefit. Happy children have much more chance of staying at school, finishing their education, and of becoming gainfully employed adults. Teaching a child to wisely use his leisure time, is an important first step, in having him grow into an engaged community member.

We are so pleased that Bendigo Bank agreed with our assessment and saw the worth in supporting our project so generously.

A great way to show our appreciation, would be to use the services of our local branch of the Bendigo Bank. We trust that some parishioners, will take the opportunity to enquire into their services and rates, and perhaps become customers of the bank in the future.



Jan Phippard (S V de P President) and Jan Reilly receive the cheque for \$5000, generously donated by the Mooroolbark Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

St Vincent de Paul English Classes for Migrants—Volunteers Needed.



St Vincent de Paul is running English Classes for migrants. (See the poster attached to this newsletter.) In our role of service to people in our community, we are becoming increasingly aware of the loneliness and isolation that people experience because of not being able to speak the language. Leaving your homeland and loved ones must be difficult enough, without the added burden of not being able to communicate with those around you.

We urgently need volunteers to help. While a teaching background would be an advantage, it is not absolutely, necessary. The aim is to have enough volunteers so that it doesn't have to be a weekly commitment.

Classes are on Monday mornings and Wednesday nights. At this stage the greater need is for help on Wednesday nights, but you would be most welcome for either session.

Also, if you have neighbours or friends who need English, please let them know that our classes are about to begin.

If you are able to help, in any way, call Jan Reilly on 0414 763 801.

2019 Combined Parishes Car Raffle

One of these could be yours



**This is the one major fundraiser for the Parish
Excellent Prizes
Please collect your named raffle book from box in foyer
Or
Please buy a ticket or two on sale in foyer.**

Please return money & ticket butts to the church, no later than
Sunday, 31st March or drop them into the Parish Office.

I would greatly appreciate a volunteer or two to sell tickets at the 9.00am and 11.00am masses.

See Fr Joseph for the Raffle Tin

You can contact me on 0403 568 302

or by email: rafflespje@gmail.com Marg Vallence / CoOrdinator

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question

“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

To find out more about the Plenary Council 2020.

Website : www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Annual Ladies Pallotti Weekend

This years Ladies weekend will be held on the last weekend of May; 24 - 26th May.

Price \$200 pp. Single rooms allocated.

Meals provided. Please bring your own linen & Toiletries.

Christine is now taking bookings

Phone. Home 97260407, Mobile 0447638024.

Email christinesellar@bigpond.com.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

***Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.***



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...